

AUTUMN LEAVES

Originally it was a 1945 French song, The American songwriter Johnny Mercer wrote English lyrics in 1947 and Jo Stafford was among the first to perform this version.

[Lead - in Verse] Au-tumn leaves fall and are swept out of sight -
the words that you said have come true.
Au-tumn leaves fall and are swept out of sight -
so are the mem-'ries of love that we knew.
The wind of for-get-ful-ness blows them,
in-to the night of re-gret.
The song you would so oft-en sing,
is ech-o-ing, ech-o-ing yet.

[Main body of Song] The fall-ing leaves drift by the win-dow,
the aut-umn leaves of red and gold.
I see your lips, the sum-mer kiss-es,
the sun-burned hands, I used to hold.

Since you went a-way,
the days grow long,
and soon I'll hear
old win-ter's song.
But I miss you most of all
my dar-ling,
when Aut-umn leaves
start to fall.

[8 x Bar Instrumental]

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[softly] when Aut-umn leaves
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[Double Tag]

[softer] When Aut-umn leaves start to fall.

[very softly] When Aut-umn leaves start to fall.